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Report

OF THE

118th YEAR'S WORK

OF THE

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND

EYE HOSPITAL

CHURCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM 3

RELATING TO THE YEAR 1941.

SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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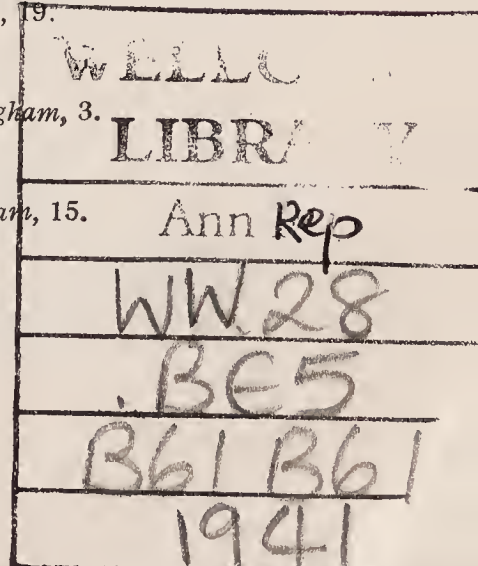
DR. ERIC W. ASSINDER, 54, *Newhall Street, Birmingham, 3.*

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Report of the Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, held in the Board Room, Church Street, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April, 1941.

The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE LORD MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM (Councillor Norman Tiptaft) in the Chair.

It was resolved :

1.—That the Reports of the General and Medical Committees, as now presented, and Statements of Account, be received, approved and printed, and that the same be distributed to the Governors and in such manner as the Committee may deem expedient.

2.—That the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Councillor Norman Tiptaft) be and is hereby elected President of this Hospital, and that the following be, and they are hereby elected, Vice-Presidents of this Hospital :

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, D.B.E., J.P. ;
The Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley ;
The Right Hon. the Earl of Plymouth ;
Mr. F. W. Rushbrooke, J.P. ;
Alderman S. J. Grey, J.P. ;

for the ensuing year.

3.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Trustees and Committee of Management for their kind attention to the interests of the Charity, and that the Gentlemen whose names follow do form the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number :

Mr. P. J. Adie.
Mr. H. W. Archer-Hall.
Mr. Geo. J. Edwards.
Mr. Walter S. Edwards, J.P.
Air Commodore W. C. C. Gell.
Mr. E. A. Greey.
Mr. J. C. Hudson.
Mr. J. F. C. Keep.

Mr. H. Mucklow.
Mr. Percy Nichols.
Mr. E. J. Rainsford.
Mr. M. H. Rollason.
Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith.
The Very Rev. J. H. Richards
(Provost of Birmingham).
Mr. G. H. Wilkinson.

One Representative of the Hospital Saturday Committee (Mr. Joseph Lilly).

One Representative of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Two Honorary Surgeons elected by the Medical Board (Mr. E. B. Alabaster and Mr. Chas Rudd).

4.—That Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith be elected Chairman of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year. That Mr. Walter S. Edwards, J.P., be elected Vice-Chairman and Mr. Percy Nichols Deputy Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year. That Mr. J. C. Hudson be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5.—That the thanks of the Subscribers are due and are hereby presented to the Consulting Physicians and Surgeons, the Honorary Surgeons, and the Assistant Surgeons, for their valuable services to this Institution ; also the retiring Chairman of the Committee, the Vice-Chairman and the Treasurer for their kind attention to the interests of the Charity.

NORMAN TIPTAFT, *President.*

The President having vacated the Chair, it was Resolved unanimously :

That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for his kindness in taking the Chair, and for his attention to the business of the day.

E. A. MILLIKEN SMITH, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee of Management

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

The Committee of Management has much pleasure in submitting to the Governors and Subscribers the 118th Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1941, together with the Report of the Medical Board and Special Departments.

The report on the previous year's work stressed the great difficulties which obtained in securing adequate accommodation for in-patients, following the evacuation of the In-patient Department of the Main Hospital in October, 1940. The Committee is pleased to report a gradual improvement in the position during 1941.

BLACKWELL CONVALESCENT HOME.

Commencing with 11 beds in December, 1940, the accommodation at Blackwell Convalescent Home was increased to 25 beds early in 1941, and later in the year to 35 beds—all for male patients.

The conversion of the cloakroom into a theatre was completed successfully and much urgent work has been performed at this institution, 377 patients being admitted during the year.

The Committee wishes to place on record its appreciation of the manner in which the Committee of the Home has co-operated with the Hospital during a very trying period and to thank Miss Finch, the Matron of the Home, for her efforts on behalf of our patients.

BURCOT GRANGE.

Full use has been made of the 32 beds for females and children at Burcot Grange, to which 473 patients were admitted. The surgery was converted into an emergency theatre, which, though small, has enabled the best to be obtained from the accommodation available.

The Committee is most grateful to the Reverend E. S. Edwards who has attended at the Grange in a voluntary capacity during the year.

ROYAL MIDLAND COUNTIES HOME FOR INCURABLES, LEAMINGTON SPA.

The waiting list, which had increased to 373 by October, made it evident that the beds available at Blackwell and Burcot were not able to deal with the many serious cases on the books. Approach was made to the Ministry of Health, and through the courtesy of Professor Parsons, the Senior Regional Hospital Officer, 25 beds were placed at our disposal at Leamington.

The Hospital is indebted to members of the ophthalmic-trained staff of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital for much of the nursing, and the operative work has been in the skilled hands of Dr. Dorothy Campbell, Mr. T. Harrison Butler, and Mr. Howell Jones.

The Committee wishes to thank all those mentioned above, together with the Matron and Secretary of the Royal Midland Counties Home for Incurables, for their generosity to our patients.

Eighty-one cases were treated at the Home in the last three months of the year, without cost to the Hospital, and it is hoped during 1942 to reduce the waiting list materially by the use of these beds, which are available for males, females and children.

The Committee would like to add a special word of gratitude to the members of the American Ambulance Unit, who have transported the patients to and from Leamington throughout the period, in good and bad weather.

THE OUT-PATIENT AND CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS.

These departments are referred to more fully in the Medical Report. It may be said, however, that they have been busier than at any previous time in the history of the Hospital, the attendances of patients and the number of refractions in each case constituting a record.

THE ALMONING DEPARTMENT.

The Committee found it necessary to enlarge this department about the middle of the year and were fortunate in securing the services of Miss G. E. Saxty, as Assistant Almoner. Miss Saxty has had considerable experience of all branches of her work at the Woolwich War Memorial Hospital and at the Golden Square Ear and Throat Hospital, London, and the Committee feel that her appointment has been fully justified by the results obtained. During the last six months of the year 3,605 patients were referred to the Almoner's Department for interview.

It is desired to give prominence to the income limit which has been established by your Committee.

Those patients whose incomes exceed the following scale will no longer be eligible for free treatment, but will be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of the services provided :

	Per week.		
	£	s.	d.
Single Man or Woman	5	0	0
Married Man or Woman, without Children.....	6	0	0
Married Man or Woman, with Children.....	7	0	0

Every consideration is given to any special circumstances which bear on a patient's ability to contribute.

Very sincere thanks are due to the Executives and helpers of the various Hospitals Contributory Schemes for their splendid help and sympathetic co-operation during the past year. The Committee is confident that it will not be misunderstood if it stresses the need for :

- (1) Encouraging all patients to bring a voucher with them on their first attendance, instead of withholding the issue until the out-patient card can be produced, which is the practice with some firms. Even if the

vouchers are eventually received, the procedure adds greatly to the work of an already over-taxed department.

- (2) Consideration being given to the possibility of a voucher of a different colour being issued to patients over the income limit, or the present type of voucher being so endorsed ; or, alternatively,
- (3) The automatic enrolment of this class of patient in the Extended Benefits Scheme of the Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Association.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The death of Mr. P. A. Morrison has proved a great loss to the Committee, with which he had been associated since 1935. Mr. Morrison served on the Management, House and Finance Committees, and also took a particular interest in Burcot Grange. His professional knowledge made his advice on matters of finance of special value.

Opportunity has been taken to add to the Committee by the election of three new members, Mr. E. A. Greey, Mr. P. J. Adie, and Mr. H. Mucklow. It is felt with confidence that their assistance will prove of the greatest help to the Committee in its deliberations. In addition, Mr. J. C. Hudson has again found it possible to attend the meetings and his help and guidance on the Management and House Committees have been much appreciated.

FINANCE.

As Burcot Grange had ceased to function as a Treatment Annexe and had become a unit of the In-patient Department, the accounts for the Hospital and Burcot Grange are shown together, in order to provide a clearer view of the position of the Hospital.

INCOME.

The total income for the year amounted to £20,883, being a reduction of £2,858 by comparison with the income of the previous year.

The following summary of increases and decreases is submitted:

	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
	£	£
Voluntary Gifts	217	—
Receipts on account of services rendered	—	2,745
Fees	—	67
Investment Income	—	47
Ministry of Health.....	—	216
	<hr/> 217	<hr/> 3,075
Net Decrease in Income	2,858	—
	<hr/> £3,075	<hr/> £3,075

It will be apparent that the principal reduction is in receipts on account of services rendered, which amounts to £2,745. This decrease is entirely due to the reduction in bed capacity. The payments made to the Hospital by the Contributory Schemes with which it is associated are all based upon services rendered to individual members and are at an agreed rate per out-patient or per day of in-patient treatment. Although the number of new out-patients is slightly increased, the average number of in-patients in hospital daily decreased from 82.03 to 50.91, following a reduction in the average number of beds available from 125 in 1940 to 56 in 1941. (This latter figure is exclusive of the 25 beds at Leamington, which only became available in October.)

The other variations in income are not serious and are largely compensating.

The Committee has been very grateful to receive increased support by means of Donations to the General Fund. The following list of the larger donations shows how valuable has been the help received :

	£	s.	d.
Birmingham Hospitals Council (Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932).....	453	0	0
Hercules Cycle and Motor Co., Ltd., Employees' Hospital Fund	250	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Hospital Sunday Fund	202	4	0
Trustees, Baron Davenport's Charity Trust....	170	0	0
A.B. and C. B. Holinsworth Fund of Help.....	153	0	0
Trustees, Sir John Sumner's Trust	75	0	0
Management Trustees of the Charles Brotherton Trust	50	0	0
E. A. Greey.....	50	0	0
Trustees, Muntz Trust	40	0	0
Trustees, John Avins' Trust.....	40	0	0
Trustees, Brinsley Bequest	25	0	0
F. W. Rushbrooke	25	0	0
B.S.A. Benevolent Fund	23	0	0
Birmingham and District Mineral Water Manu- facturers' and Bottlers' Association	21	0	0
Hospital Saving Association, G.W.R., B'ham..	20	0	0
A. Y. Gibbons.....	20	0	0
Boulton Paul Aircraft Employees	19	12	0
Iron Trades Employees' Insurance Association Ltd.	15	0	0
Lord Mayor's Benevolent Fund	15	0	0
B.T.H. Employees' Hospital Fund	10	10	0

LEGACIES.

The Hospital was fortunate during 1941 in the number and amount of the legacies which were received. They are enumerated below and grateful acknowledgment is tendered to the Executors of the various estates :

Executors of the late :	£	s.	d.
Chas. Johnson Lay	1,800	0	0
Miss F. A. Rowbotham	1,000	0	0
Mr. J. F. Eborall (second instalment)	575	0	0
Mrs. A. G. Hatton Jones	500	0	0
Miss Annie Jenkins	250	0	0
Mr. J. E. Willcox	100	0	0
Miss A. E. Chapman	100	0	0
Miss E. A. Taylor	50	0	0
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	£4,375	0	0
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It has been customary in normal times to place legacies to the General Fund Investment Account, with the object of strengthening the financial position of the Hospital. Unfortunately present conditions will no longer permit this to be done, and the greater portion of these legacies have been transferred to the Current Account to meet normal expenditure.

EXPENDITURE.

The total expenditure for the year amounted to £26,568, a reduction of £460 by comparison with the previous year.

The Committee has been faced with a difficult problem in that it has been compelled to maintain the Church Street establishment, with its heavy overhead expenses, and at the same time cover the maintenance charges for our patients admitted to the Blackwell Convalescent Home, which amounted to £2,297. In addition the sum of £229 was paid during the year for war damage insurance.

The reduction of income referred to above rendered a substantial deficit inevitable, and despite reductions in most sections of expenditure (with the exception of those referred to above) the excess of expenditure over income amounted to £5,685.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Ladies' Guild has continued its work on behalf of the Hospital, and the Matron and the Committee are indeed grateful for the assistance so readily given. Many gifts have been made by the Guild, though it is probable that none has been appreciated more than the purchase of a wireless set for the maids' sitting-room.

THE HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.

The Committee takes particular pleasure this year in thanking the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff for its untiring efforts on behalf of the Hospital and its patients. It is aware that in 1941 the work of the staff was greatly increased by the absence of members serving with the Forces, by the transfer of the

In-patient Department to beds situated some miles outside the city, and by the phenomenal increase in out-patient attendances.

Mr. R. H. Hucknall, one of the Assistant Surgeons, was recommended for service with the Forces as specialist ophthalmologist, with the rank of Major in the R.A.M.C. His services are greatly missed and the Committee wish him and all other members of the Medical Staff so absent a safe and speedy return.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN JAMESON EVANS.

Reference has been made in the Medical Report to the death of Mr. John Jameson Evans and mention made of his long association with the Hospital. The Committee wishes to add its testimony to that of Mr. Jameson Evans' medical colleagues and to express its sincere regret to his widow and family. It is deeply appreciative of his skill and knowledge, which so enhanced the prestige of the Hospital that it has become one of the leading ophthalmic hospitals of the country.

GENERAL.

In conclusion the Committee wishes to avail itself of the opportunity of recording in the Annual Report its warm appreciation of the services of the House Governor, Matron, Assistant Matron, and the Nursing, Domestic and Administrative Staffs. All have combined during the year to further the best interests of the Hospital and its patients.

E. A. MILLIKEN SMITH,
Chairman.

Annual Medical Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

The Medical Board has pleasure in submitting its report of the work of the Hospital for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

The number of patients admitted to the General Wards was 836, and to the Private Wards, 14 ; 836 cases were treated to a conclusion.

The average number of beds occupied daily was 50.91, being a reduction of 31.02 from the corresponding figure for 1940.

These statistics are exclusive of 81 cases, referred to below, which were transferred during the year to Leamington Spa, under arrangement with the Ministry of Health.

The serious reduction in the number of in-patients admitted is due to the evacuation of the Main Hospital In-patient Department at the end of October, 1940. Despite every effort it was not until the later months of 1941 that any substantial progress was made in providing alternative accommodation. Eventually the number of beds available for our use at the Blackwell Convalescent Home was increased to 35 and, by the generous assistance of the Ministry of Health, 25 beds have been at our disposal since October, 1941, at the Royal Midland Counties Home for Incurables at Leamington Spa.

Fortunately there were attached to the latter institution ophthalmic-trained staff from the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, whose assistance is gratefully acknowledged. The operations there have been in the most capable hands of Dr. Dorothy Campbell, Mr. T. Harrison Butler and Mr. Howell Jones ; and by the end of the year 81 urgent and serious cases had been admitted to Leamington.

The Hospital is now able to provide accommodation for 92 in-patients—35 at Blackwell Convalescent Home, 32 at Burcot Grange and 25 at Leamington Spa ; and this number has proved adequate for dealing with those cases of a more serious nature.

There remains, however, a considerable shortage of beds. Child cases in particular are affected, and the admission of children requiring operation for correction of squint is noticeably delayed.

The Out-patient Department has completed a record year of work during which 130,605 attendances have been made—an increase of 13,245 over those of the previous year.

It is of interest to note that during the last few months of the year more attendances were made at this Hospital than in the Out-patient Department of any other voluntary hospital in the city—a striking testimony to the position the Hospital holds in the hospital system of Birmingham.

During the year, 14,411 pairs of spectacles were prescribed in the department.

In view of the great industrial development in recent years, it is remarkable that there should be a small reduction in the number of casualties treated, from 23,547 in 1940 to 22,690 in 1941. It is considered that in some measure this result has been achieved by the more careful guarding of machinery and by the provision of medical and nursing facilities at the works, and it is hoped that the improvement may be progressive, particularly since so large a proportion of the casualties is industrial. During 1941 approximately 96 per cent of casualties were from the works and factories of the area.

It will be appreciated that the very large attendances in the Out-patient Department (averaging nearly 420 every working day) have placed a great strain on the Medical Staff. The difficulties have been much increased by the recent calling up for military service of Mr. R. H. Hucknall (one of the Assistant Surgeons) and by the fact that at no time during the year was the Resident Medical Staff at its full strength. It is feared that these difficulties will continue and may become yet more serious.

The Externe Nursing Staff has continued its attendances at the homes of patients who have been unable to come to the Hospital, and high testimony must be paid to their valued services. During 1941, 4,379 domiciliary visits were paid, of

which 2,337 were for the treatment of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum.

The Medical Officer of Health and the Public Health Department of the city have continued their most practical assistance in the work undertaken by the Hospital for the treatment of ophthalmia neonatorum, and the Medical Board desire to place on record their appreciation of this sustained interest.

The Medical Board is pleased that it has been possible to maintain during the year visits from student midwives of the City Maternity Home, who have received short lecture-demonstrations on the treatment of infantile ophthalmia.

The operations performed during the year were as follows :

In-patient Department	632
Out-patient Department	1,972

Of the In-patient Department operations, 181 were for the extraction of cataract, 162 for glaucoma and 39 for the rectification of squint. The Haab Magnet has been removed to a place of safety, and 35 patients were successfully treated with the Ring Magnet.

Attached to this report are the reports of the special departments, which have continued to operate actively throughout the year. The Medical Board wishes to acknowledge the great assistance it has received from the heads of these various departments, which has materially aided them in their work.

Mr. P. Jameson Evans has kindly acted as Honorary Librarian during the year.

The following publication has been issued by a member of the Honorary Staff since the last Medical Report :

“ Industrial Injuries of the Eye ” : Mr. H. W. Archer-Hall.
The Practitioner, March, 1941.

During the year two “ Richard Middlemore ” Lectures have been delivered. The deferred 1940 Lecture, No. 52, was delivered by Dr. Eric W. Assinder, Pathologist to the Hospital, on “ Syphilis in Ophthalmology,” in September, 1941. The 1941 Lecture, No. 53, was delivered in December, by Mr. H. T. Roper-Hall, Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Hospital, his subject being “ Oral Sepsis in relation to Ophthalmology.”

The following members of the visiting Medical Staff are absent on military service :

Mr. R. D. Weeden Butler,
Mr. R. H. Hucknall,
Dr. B. C. Tate,
Dr. T. Clyde McKenzie, and
Mr. A. H. Adcock.

The Medical Board trusts that they may have a speedy and safe return.

Mr. T. Harrison Butler has continued to deputise for Mr. R. D. Weeden Butler and has been of the greatest assistance to the Hospital. The Medical Board deeply appreciates the help he has so freely given.

The Medical Board wishes to record its great regret at the death of their former colleague, Mr. John Jameson Evans, in August, 1941, at Aberdovey, where he had been living in semi-retirement. Mr. Jameson Evans joined the staff of this Hospital in 1893 and was elected to the Honorary Staff in 1896. He was placed on the Consulting Staff in 1934, and thereby served the Hospital for an unbroken period of 48 years.

He had an international reputation and, in addition to his great qualities as a diagnostician and surgeon, he was a most able lecturer and the author of many publications on Ophthalmology. Many prominent ophthalmic surgeons in the United Kingdom and the Dominions owe much of their early training to Mr. Jameson Evans, who was Lecturer in Ophthalmology to the University of Birmingham for a quarter of a century.

The Medical Board welcome the opportunity of acknowledging the valuable services of Mr. F. M. Haughton, the House Governor, who during the year has acted as their Honorary Secretary.

In conclusion the Medical Board would like to pay testimony to the valuable assistance they have received during the year from the Matron and the Nursing and Domestic Staffs, who have worked admirably under conditions of great difficulty.

E. B. ALABASTER,
Chairman of the Medical Board.

Reports of Special Departments

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Department for the year ended 31st December, 1941, was as follows :

Patients' Attendances	250
New Patients	108
Patients referred for Radiographs	29
Patients given Gum Treatment	1
Nitrous Oxide Administrations	114
Number of Teeth Extracted :	
Under Nitrous Oxide.....	987
Under Local Anaesthetic	178
	———— 1,165

Appreciation is expressed of the valued services of the Visiting Anaesthetist, the Radiographer and the Resident Medical and Nursing Staffs.

H. T. ROPER-HALL,
Dental Surgeon.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.

During the year ended 31st December, 1941, the total number of patients referred to the Department was 1,293, which have been analysed as set out below :

Skulls for Sinuses, etc.	748
Foreign Bodies	297
,, ,, Bone Free	107
,, ,, Localised by Dr. Sweet's method	57
	———— 461
Dental Department Radiographs	54
Miscellaneous	30
	————
TOTAL	1,293

HAROLD BLACK,
Radiologist.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The particulars of work done in the Pathological Department for the year ended 31st December, 1941, are as under :

(1) Sections of Eyes	(a) Macroscopic	94
	(b) Microscopic	81
	Sections of Tissues and Growths	31
(2) Blood Examinations :		
	(a) Wassermann and/or Flocculation Tests....	450
	(b) Blood Counts	195
(3) Ophthalmia Neonatorum Cases :		
	Smears and Cultures of each Case	944
(4) Cultures of Eyes of Operation Cases		505
(5) Miscellaneous :		
	Smears and Cultures—Conjunctiva	368
	„ „ Throat, Nose, etc. ...	37
	Vaccines	95
	Urines	8
	Spinal Fluids	11
	Specimens taken for other examinations (com- plement fixation tests, sputa, blood cultures, etc.)	55
(6) Intravenous Injections of N.A.B.....		179
	TOTAL	3,053

E. W. ASSINDER,
Pathologist.

ULTRA VIOLET LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

This Department has been closed since the outbreak of war.

ORTHOPTIC DEPARTMENT.

During the year ended 31st December, 1941, the work of the Department was as follows :

Total number of Attendances (including	1941	1940
360 attendances at Evening Clinics)	23,788	24,535
New Cases accepted for Treatment	460	359
Cases Treated during the Year	1,148	1,073
Cases Discharged :		
Single Binocular Vision :		
With Operation	14	
Without Operation	119	
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	133	
Cosmetically Straight	48	
Symptomatic	9	
	—	190
		185

Despite a small reduction in the total attendances by comparison with 1940, the Department has been fully occupied, particularly when it is realised that the number of new cases accepted for treatment increased by 28 per cent.

Considerable difficulty has been caused by the failure of patients to attend the appointments made for them. In 1941, 7,002 appointments were not kept by the patients, and this has had a most serious effect on the turnover of the Department.

A fully trained staff of ten orthoptists has worked in the Department throughout the year, eight full time. Congratulations are extended to the undermentioned members of the staff on their success in obtaining the following appointments :

Miss J. V. Banks, Orthoptist to the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

Miss J. M. Pinnick and Miss H. Pedley, to the Orthoptic Staff of the Air Ministry.

The training of students has been at a standstill during the year.

Mr. R. H. Hucknall succeeded Mr. Chas. Rudd as Medical Director of Orthoptics in September. In October he was called up for service with the R.A.M.C.

H. W. ARCHER-HALL,

Medical Director of Orthoptics.

Statistical Tables.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.

Statistics for Year to 31st December, 1941, compared with those of the previous year.

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

A.—Number of Beds and In-patients.

	Numbers in 1941 (year under review).	Numbers in previous year.
Number of Beds normally available	146	146
Average number of available Beds during the year	56	125
Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	50·91	82·03
Number of In-patients in the Hospital at beginning of year..	38	69
Number of In-patients admitted during year	850	1,768
Number of In-patients in the Hospital at the end of the year	52	38
Average number of days each Patient was resident.....	22·23	16·68
Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year, who were resident for (i) only 1 day	Nil.	32
(ii) 2 and 3 days	3	71

NOTE.—Eighty-one patients were admitted to the E.M.S. Hospital at Leamington Spa. These patients have not been included in the above statistics.

B.—Annual Expenditure on In-patients apart from that on Out-patients ; Average Cost of each In-patient per week ; and Average Cost of each In-patient.

	1941 Expenditure on In-patients (pounds only)	Average cost of each In-patient per week.		Average total cost of each In-patient per week.		Average total cost of each In-patient.	
	£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provisions: Including Board of Officials	1,245	0	9	5	1	9	8
Surgery and Dispensary	403	0	3	0	0	2	4
Domestic	1,988	0	15	0	2	7	7
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ...	5,177	1	19	0	6	3	10
Miscellaneous	712	0	5	4	0	17	0
War Damage Insurance	206	0	1	6	0	4	11
Garden	281	0	2	1	0	6	9
Administration	647	0	4	11	0	15	6
Establishment, Renewals and Repairs.	813	0	6	1	0	19	5
Finance	969	0	7	4	1	3	2
Blackwell Convalescent Home	2,297	0	17	4	2	15	0
TOTAL COST	14,738	5	11	0	17	12	7
					4	3	7
					9	19	3

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1941.

(Incorporating Burcot Grange.)

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
1940 Accounts, incorporating Burcot Grange.		£	s. d.	1940 Accounts, incorporating Burcot Grange.		£	s. d.
£	s. d.			£	s. d.		
ORDINARY.				ORDINARY			
(1) Voluntary Gifts.				Provisions			
(1) Subscriptions, Donations, etc.				Surgery and Dispensary.			
Annual Subscriptions				Drugs, Chemicals and Disinfectants..			
1,864	17	11	1,707 2 3	498	4	11	440 14 4
1,272	9	11	1,640 11 5	259	12	8	224 9 5
108	13	2	122 10 2	651	9	3	575 5 0
(2) Central Funds :				40	1	7	41 3 5
Hospital Sunday Fund				Sundries			
208	13	3	202 4 0	1,281 12 2			
				Domestic.			
				Renewals and Repairs of Furniture,			
				Bedding, Hardware, etc.			
				994	16	2	290 17 10
				743	5	9	495 7 3
				168	6	11	92 9 9
				216	12	10	145 17 8
				1,548	8	4	1,498 6 11
				210	17	5	160 7 5
				34	10	0	16 8 0
				2,699 14 10			
				Salaries and Wages.			
				Medical			
				2,474	1	4	2,920 10 11
				613	1	8	651 2 9
				4,487	8	9	3,792 7 6
				1,542	3	8	1,542 11 7
				1,533	12	4	1,409 6 9
				2,632	11	11	2,849 16 1
				117	11	6	117 11 6
				13,283 7 1			
				Miscellaneous			
				Printing, Stationery, Postages, Tele-			
				537	14	0	426 13 0
				156	15	4	97 4 3
				Advertisements			
				221	8	4	295 10 8
				110	19	1	193 12 9
				Insurance of Buildings, Equipment,			
				Stores, etc.			
				Sundries			
				1,013 0 8			
				228 15 0			
				289 18 1			
				War Damage Insurance.			
				Garden (Burcot)			
				229	18	6	
				Administration.			
				Salaries			
				596	7	6	707 3 4
				132	3	3	139 3 6
				13	15	0	2 7 0
				21	7	6	74 14 0
				30	0	0	30 0 0
				92	2	0	98 7 5
				1,051 15			
				Establishment.			
				Renewals and Repairs to Buildings			
				and Plant.			
				473	17	10	822 16 2
				470	0	0	150 2 9
				Annual Cleaning			
				Finance.			
				Appeals			
				288	1	3	306 10 0
				759	1	9	701 3 5
				267	19	4	226 15 1
				1,234 8 6			
				Blackwell Convalescent Home.			
				(Maintenance of Patients)			
				50	0	0	2,297 8 6
				2,297 8 6			
				Total Ordinary Expenditure			
				£26,568 8 2			
				27,028 8 1			
				£26,568 8 2			
				Total Ordinary Income			
				£27,028 8 1			
				Balance, being deficit for the			
				year, transferred to General			
				Funds Account			
				5,684 19 6			
				3,287 3 11			
				23,741 4 2			
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Income and Expenditure Account

**combining the Main Hospital,
Blackwell, and Burcot Grange,**

for the year ended 31st December, 1941,

**with comparable figures
compiled from the accounts
for the previous year.**

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.

Statistics for Year to 31st December, 1941, compared with those of the previous year.

II.—OUT-PATIENTS.

A.—Numbers.

		Numbers in (Year under review.)	Numbers in Previous year
Total Number of new Out-patients.....		51,142	48,615
Total number of Out-patient Attendances		130,605	117,360
(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year			Not ascertainable.
(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above		22,690	23,547

B.—Annual Expenditure on Out-patients and Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance and of each Out-patient.

1941	Expenditure on Out-patients (pounds only).	Average cost of each Out-patient Attendance.	Average total cost of each Out-patient.	Previous Year.
	£	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
Provisions	970	1·79	4·56	1·19
Surgery and Dispensary	878	1·60	4·09	4·70
Domestic	712	1·30	3·35	1·78
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ...	8,106	14·90	38·04	32·05
Miscellaneous	301	·55	1·42	2·00
War Damage Insurance	23	·04	·11	Nil.
Garden	9	·02	·04	Nil.
Administration	405	·74	1·90	1·26
Establishment, Renewals, and Repairs	160	·30	·75	·65
Finance	266	·49	1·25	1·30
TOTAL COST	£11,830	21·73	55·51	44·93

BALANCE SHEET,

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On General Account—						
Sundry Creditors and Reserves ..	4,264	11	4			
General Funds Account	19,176	0	3			
				23,440	11	7
On Endowment and other Accounts—						
Buildings Reserve Fund	53,642	6	1			
Bed and other Endowments	13,897	1	0			
Insurance Reserve Fund	3,045	15	10			
Nurses' Home Building Fund	1,806	17	1			
				72,392	0	0

Examined with the Books and
Vouchers, and found to be in accord-
ance therewith.

HARRISON, WEST, LEDSAM & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.
BIRMINGHAM, 17th March, 1942.

F. M. HAUGHTON,
House Governor.

£95,832 11 7

GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT FOR THE

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, December 31st, 1940	20,131	6	4
„ Legacies received during the year	4,375	0	0
„ Surplus on Sale of Investment	354	13	5

£24,860 19 9

31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On General Account—						
Cash in hand of House Governor..	120	3	1			
Cash at Bankers :						
On Deposit Account £921 3 6						
Current Account .. 1,200 7 7						
	2,121	11	1			
Sundry Debtors	824	1	5			
General Funds Investment Account	20,374	16	0			
				23,440	11	7

On Endowment and other Accounts—

Buildings Reserve Fund Investment Account. Investments and Cash, see page 27.	53,642	6	1			
Bed and other Endowment Funds Investment Account. Investments and Cash, see page 29. ...	13,897	1	0			
Insurance Reserve Fund Investment Account. Investments and Cash, see page 31.....	3,045	15	10			
Nurses' Home Building Fund, Cash at Bank	1,806	17	1			
				72,392	0	0
				£95,832	11	7

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

	£	s.	d.
By Ordinary Income and Expenditure Account			
Balance, being deficit for the year 1941, as per Account	5,684	19	6
„ Balance at 31st December, 1941, carried forward	19,176	0	3
	£24,860	19	9

BUILDINGS RESERVE FUND

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of Fund at 31st December,						
1940	51,706	12	1			

Add—

Income from Buildings Reserve

Fund Investments.....	1,935	14	0			
				53,642	6	1

£53,642 6 1

31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d
Investments at cost—			
£2,980 East India Railway 4½ per cent Irredeemable Debenture Stock	2,492	7	9
£4,586 London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co. 4 per cent Preference Stock.....	3,496	6	9
£5,442 17s. 0d. 4 per cent Consolidated Stock..	4,769	11	9
£3,708 3s. 9d. Birmingham Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1948-1968).....	3,606	10	0
£2,000 Bristol Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962)	2,047	14	0
£2,000 Hull Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962).....	2,025	4	0
£2,000 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Ltd. 4½ per cent Debenture Stock (1961-1991)	1,995	2	6
£2,000 Gateshead Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962).....	2,047	14	0
£2,000 West Bromwich Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1955-1965).....	2,027	14	0
£4,000 Local Loans 3 per cent Stock.....	3,576	13	7
£1,500 Walsall Corporation 3¼ per cent Redeemable Stock (1954-1964).....	1,505	16	6
£4,500 Central Electricity Board 3¼ per cent Stock (1974-1994).....	4,416	17	9
£3,000 Walsall Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable Stock (1957).....	2,990	6	6
£3,000 Birmingham Corporation 3 per cent Stock (1956-1958).....	2,982	9	3
£520 5 per cent Conversion Stock (1944-1964)	520	0	0
£160 3½ per cent India Stock (1931).....	160	0	0
£200 4½ per cent New Zealand Stock (1944)..	200	0	0
£1,765 14s. 0d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock..	1,830	4	3
£2,500 Liverpool Corporation 3 per cent Stock (1955-1958).....	2,428	6	6
£2,500 Coventry Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable Stock (1956-1958).....	2,422	1	6
	47,541	0	7
Cash on deposit at Barclays Bank, Limited	6,101	5	6
	£53,642	6	1

BED AND OTHER ENDOWMENT FUNDS,

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Coleman Bed	1,250	0	0
William Edward Johnson Bed.....	1,200	0	0
Walter Wilkinson Ward	1,200	0	0
William Ross Bed	1,733	6	10
William Hutton Ticket Fund	225	0	0
Edward Sampson Moore Bed	1,200	3	0
T. Bernard Hall Fund	100	0	0
Samuel Palmer Cooper Fund	500	0	0
Martha Izod Cot.....	621	17	9
Dunlop Benevolent Fund Bed	1,707	19	6
Research Fund Endowment.....	1,464	17	7
Burcot Grange, " The Bunnie Cot "	600	0	0
Christmas Festivities Fund	105	0	0
Tompson Bed	988	16	4
Rushbrooke Bed	1,000	0	0

£13,897 1 0

31st DECEMBER, 1941

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Richard Coleman Bed : £1,321 3½ per cent War	£	s.	d.
Stock at cost	1,250	0	0
William Edward Johnson Bed : £2,055 12s. 3d.			
India 3 per cent Stock at cost.....	1,200	0	0
Walter Wilkinson Ward : £1,595 16s. 0d. 3½ per			
cent Conversion Stock at cost.....	1,200	0	0
William Ross Bed : £1,589 18s. 4d.			
3½ per cent War Loan at cost....	1,563	9	0
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	169	17	10
	1,733	6	10
William Hutton Ticket Fund : £262 1s. 2d. 3½ per			
cent War Stock at cost.....	225	0	0
Edwin Sampson Moore Bed : £1,200 New Zealand			
Government 5 per cent Inscribed Stock at cost..	1,200	3	0
T. Bernard Hall Endowment : £127 11s. 0d. 3½ per			
cent Conversion Stock at cost	100	0	0
Samuel Palmer Cooper Endowment : £508 17s. 0d.			
New South Wales 5 per cent Stock at cost.....	500	0	0
Martha Izod Cot : £537 4s. 3d. Local			
Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost....	500	0	0
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	121	17	9
	621	17	9
Dunlop Benevolent Fund Bed :			
£1,062 6s. 0d. 3½ per cent Birming-			
ham Corporation Stock at cost....	1,000	0	0
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	707	19	6
	1,707	19	6
Research Fund Endowment : £1,450			
Guaranteed 3 per cent Stock at cost	1,337	12	3
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	127	5	4
	1,464	17	7
" The Bunnie Cot " (Burcot Grange), £617 5s. 0d.			
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost.....	600	0	0
Christmas Festivities Fund : £100 18s. 5d. 3½ per			
cent War Loan at cost.....	105	0	0
Tompson Bed : £922 4s. 2d. Leeds			
Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable			
Stock (1955-1958) at cost.....	895	15	10
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	93	0	6
	988	16	4
Rushbrooke Bed (Burcot Grange) : £1,062 6s. 0d.			
3½ per cent Birmingham Corporation Stock at cost	1,000	0	0
	£13,897	1	0

GENERAL FUNDS.

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1941.

To Investments :	£	s.	d.
£2,335 6s. 10d. 4 per cent Consolidated Stock	2,000	0	0
£2,500 4 per cent Funding Loan	1,693	15	0
£600 Metropolitan Water Board " B " Stock	303	0	0
£1,010 Metropolitan Water Board " D " Stock	907	10	0
£1,000 Birmingham Corporation 3½ per cent. Stock	575	0	0
£41 15s. 11d. Birmingham Corporation Gas Annuity	700	1	7
£400 G.W.R. 5 per cent Consolidated Preference Stock	298	0	0
£500 G.W.R. 4 per cent Debenture Stock	337	10	0
£500 L.M.S. Railway 4 per cent Preference Stock	304	0	0
£784 South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. Ordinary Stock, Class "A"	497	16	10
£951 South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. Ordinary Stock, Class " B "	603	17	8
£1,000 Commonwealth of Australia 3¾ per cent Stock (1948-53)	973	17	0
£800 Local Loans 3 per cent Stock	699	2	0
Five £100 4 per cent Debentures in the City Arcades (Birmingham), Ltd.	348	15	0
£13,234 6s. 0d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock	10,132	10	11
	<hr/> £20,374 16 0 <hr/>		

The Hospital owns the following properties which have not been valued :

- Freehold Ground Rents in Liverpool Street, Birmingham.
- Leasehold Premises and Equipment of Hospital, expiring 25th March, 1996.
- Leasehold Premises and Equipment of Nurses' Home, Ludgate Hill, expiring 25th March, 2035.
- Freehold Residence, " Burcot Grange," Blackwell.

INSURANCE RESERVE FUND, 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward, 31st December, 1940.....	2,496 12 7	£390 11s. 7d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock at cost	383 6 7
Additions during year	549 3 3	£100 Birmingham Corporation 4½ per cent Stock at cost	103 3 6
		£1,656 13s. 5d. Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost.....	1,450 13 1
		Cash at Bank, 31st December, 1941....	1,937 3 2
	<u>£3,045 15 10</u>		<u>1,108 12 8</u>
			<u>£3,045 15 10</u>

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NURSES' HOME BUILDING FUND, 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward.....	2,360 5 1	Payments:	
Donations received during year..	166 14 6	Furniture.....	741 6 9
Bank Interest	21 4 3	Balance carried forward.....	1,806 17 1
	<u>£2,548 3 10</u>		<u>£2,548 3 10</u>

RICHARD MIDDLEMORE TRUST.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1941

Income Account.				
RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.		
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash in hand, brought forward....	16 1 4	Dr. E. W. Assinder for		
Dividends	17 7 11	Lecture	21 0 0	
Transfer from General Account..	18 10 9	Expenses for Lecture..	5 0 0	
				26 0 0
		Mr. H. T. Roper-Hall		
		for Lecture.....	21 0 0	
		Expenses for Lecture..	5 0 0	
				26 0 0
	£52 0 0			£52 0 0

Principal Account.

INVESTMENT OF BEQUEST OF £1,000.

London, Midland and Scottish Railway £809 4 per cent. Preference Stock at cost....£999 1 6